

CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Program

The Yuba/Feather Work Group

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A stakeholder based, collaborative approach for examining traditional & non-traditional techniques available for enhancing flood protection in the Yuba & Feather River watersheds.

Approach

- Develop a suite of practical, effective structural and non-structural measures that consider ecological and human demands on river resources
- Provide ongoing input to the environmental review processes for any Yuba-Feather projects -- “inform the CEQA/NEPA process”
- Identify environmental enhancement for the watersheds
- Provide public education regarding flood management issues in the region

History

- **“Yuba Tools” proposal to the CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Program**
 - Non traditional methods of flood control
 - Stakeholder driven process
 - Predominately environmental groups
- **Yuba/Feather Work Group**
 - Balanced representation including traditional flood management perspectives
 - Broader organizational scope

Yuba-Feather Work Group Members

- Army Corps of Engineers
- CALFED
- CA Dept. of Water Resources
- CA Dept. of Fish and Game
- Environmental Defense
- Friends of the River
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- Nevada County
- Sierra Club
- South Yuba River Citizens League
- Sutter County
- Bureau of Reclamation
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- YCWA

Accomplishments & Current Activities

- Providing comment on Yuba County Water Agency's Proposition 13 Yuba Feather Flood Control Study
- Identify enhancement measures specific to YCWA proposals

Accomplishments & Current Activities

- Identify funding opportunities for regional enhancement and flood initiatives
- Engage consultants to identify alternative approaches to flood management in the watersheds

Accomplishments & Current Activities

- Track other programs and processes that may impact flood management in the region
 - Yuba-Feather Supplemental Flood Control Program
 - Yuba River Basin Investigation
 - Oroville Facilities Relicensing
 - Sacramento-San Joaquin Comprehensive Study
 - CALFED Bay-Delta Program
 - Fish Passage Program (Daguerre Point)
 - Sutter County Feasibility Study
 - Sacramento River Watershed Program
 - others...